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Newsletter #35:

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Hello all! I'm writing this newsletter LIVE from the Roma auction in the Cavendish Hotel. It's been an exciting day with some beautiful pieces being auctioned off. I was the lucky winner of several for my customers. Roma is ending today but there is plenty left to do for this week and next. Coinex is taking place tomorrow and I hope to find a few nice pieces for my stock. Here's to hoping!

Künker Auction 295 (Sept 25)

There is still time to get in touch with me if you want to bid on anything in the Künker auction. I'm traveling to Germany on the 23rd and viewing lots on the 24th. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need representation. It's always a good opportunity to take advantage when I am on the auction floor bidding live. I hope you'll reach out if you need help.

Some upcoming E-Auctions this week

Agora Auction 69 (closes Sept 26)

Agora has 449 lots of coins and antiquities. Worth taking a peek as there are some wonderful deals to be had.

CNG E Auction 406 (closes Sept 27)

As if CNG didn't just have an amazing mail bid sale, they are closing their 406th E-Auction on Sept 27 with 1007 lots. I'll be participating in this auction so please reach out if you need my assistance.

VCoins Triskeles Auction 326 (Sept 29)

Just as with Agora, Triskeles offers many great deals for those interested in ancients. There are 694 lots in this upcoming auction. I plan to take part so please let me know if you need my assistance.

HD Rauch E-Live Auction 24 (Sept 29)

Rauch has three sessions taking place on the 29th, however, the first part is where they auction ancients. Worth taking a peek at the lots. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Upcoming Switzerland Trip (Oct 19-25)

Nomos (Oct 22), Sincona (Oct 23) and NAC (Oct 24)

I just received the newest NAC catalogs before I left for my trip. There are two small, but lovely collections being offered in the upcoming sale on October 24 in Zurich. In all, there are only 400 coins in both catalogs so attending this auction will be like a breath of fresh air! Normally I feel like I need a vacation after the NAC auctions. They can be quite draining.....but absolutely thrilling. I love the material that is coming up so please do let me know if you have any initial interest. I've gotten 10 catalogs for customers so let me know if you would like me to send you one. In the interim you can view this auction on Numisbids or Sixbid.

Nomos has an auction two days before NAC and it is another outstanding sale of 325 coins. I've also been told by Dimitrios who helps run Nomos that they also have a great Obolos auction (their e-auction component) coming up with more wonderful pedigreed pieces from the Stoecklin collection. I probably will take a peek at those lots at well when I am in Switzerland.

Sincona will also be conducting auctions the week I am there. One of those auctions are ancient coins which they typically don't offer. I've taken a quick look at the lots and there are some interesting ones. I'll be attending so please do let me know if you need my help.

All these sales can be found on Sixbid or Numisbids. I'm sure I'll be talking more about this in the coming weeks but please reach out if you need a catalog or have questions.

How to work with me in auctions

Since we are in the depths of the auction season I thought it might make sense to reiterate one works with me in an auction. My fees range from no fee to 5% depending on the auction house. The best is always to ask me ahead of time to find out what my terms are. With this service you will get the following:

- Pre-Auction discussion on proper bidding levels and recommended lots
- On location lots viewing (when I attend that auction in person)
- Viewing notes the night before the auction and final notes/recommendations
- Coordinating with the auction house on payment and shipping to me

- No extra costs to you aside from shipping from me to you. Whenever possible I can also deliver coins at trade shows if we can coordinate.

There are so many benefits to using an agent rather than bidding on your own. I'd love to explain more about my services should anyone be interested. Just send me an email or call for more details.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

KINGS of MACEDON. Perseus. 179-168 BC.

Pella or Amphipolis mint. Struck c. 174-173 BC. AR Tetradrachm, 16.59g (29mm, 11h).

Diademed head right / Eagle, wings spread, standing right on thunderbolt; I with half crescent on top (mintmaster's) monogram above, MI to right, Φ between legs; all within oak wreath; below, plow right (off flan)

Pedigree: From an unknown French collection

Price: \$5,000

Perseus was the last of the Antigonid Empire to control Macedonia. Antigonus I Monophthalmus (the 'one-eyed') was one of the successors to Alexander the Great. After Alexander's death in 323 BC his vast empire was divided among his closest military advisors and friends. Antigonus took the area of Macedon. The Antigonids were not always in control of the area however. When Antigonus got ambitious and attempted to overtake all of Alexander's empire a battle ensued and he was killed at the Battle of Ipsus in 301 BC. His son, Demetrios Poliorcetes, managed to regain the throne but eventually became a prisoner of war to Seleucus I, another of Alexander's confidants that oversaw part of the empire (where Syria is today). It was only some years later that Demetrios II, the son of Demetrios Poliorcetes, was able to regain Macedonia under the Antigonids in 276 BC. The Antigonids and the Seleucid dynasty still intermingled despite earlier conflict. Perseus was married to the daughter of the Seleucid King, Seleucus IV.

The advancing Roman army wrestled the area of Macedonia away from the Antigonids and the successors of Alexander the Great in 168 BC when they won the Battle of Pydna. From that point forward Macedonia became a province of the Roman Empire. It also showed the strength of the Roman legions over the military inadequacy of the once powerful Greek phalanx. The Roman general Lucius Aemilius Paullus even went so far as to place a statue of himself next to the holy Temple of Apollo at Delphi. A spot that was being reserved for a statue of the Perseus. On the base of the statue he proclaims "Lucius Aemilius, son of Lucius, set this up from the spoils which he took from King Perseus and the Macedonians". (see Mary T. Boatwrights, People's of the Roman World, p. 71 for more on this).

References: Mamroth, Perseus 8; HGC 3.1, 1091; SNG Copenhagen 1267

Grade: Lovely iridescence. Smaller flan. High relief and sharp imagery. Small insignificant "hole" below ear on obverse

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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GREEK

KINGS OF MACEDON. PERSEUS, 179-168 BC

\$5,000



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